

Raritan Valley Arts Association Est. 1939

May 2000 Newsletter

Garden Greetings!

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The pastel tree colors and spring blooms continue, thanks to alternate bursts of cool and warm times. Our color treat goes on....and you'll get a treat too, Monday, May 22, at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church, 7:30 pm, because Program Chairwoman Debbie Tintle has arranged for Ron Lent to do a watercolor demo. Most of you know and enjoy Ron's fresh, color-filled paintings; a multi-award winner, Ron is also an entertaining and informative demonstrator. Monday night your three slides are also due for RVAA try-out for a special exhibition at the 1860 House, Montgomery Cultural Center. President Linda Arnold will be collecting them then! Slides should represent your work, not necessarily be the piece(s) you'll put in the show.

Our thanks to Don Nathen who has taken on the job of having the Newsletter printed, addressed, and mailed! And to Lynne Bigge who did the job before him, and Linda Arnold who did it in the interim period. Now if we could get a volunteer to coordinate all the workshops.....? Call Linda at 647-3610 if you're interested. For this spring we have three workshops; tear-off forms are at the end of this Newsletter with individual details. If you hesitate; you'll be late. Send the form in now, join a workshop, wow!

Debbie Hughes--Thank you! Debbie did all the arrangements for our Big Apple Trip and with the splendid weather and our itinerary, it was one fantabulous day--the Metropolitan Museum of Art (seeing "old friends" again in the School of Paris Show--Vuillard, Bonnard, Severini, etc.), the Forbes Museum, and what a gem that is (literally and figuratively), and the AWS Show at the Salmagundi. Everyone had a great day, the 29th.

There is now a list of about 18 artists interested in sitting and painting, or, just sitting beside some of your work, at the Jazz Cafe in Somerville. On Veterans Memorial Parkway (the road along the RR tracks), just past the Pathmark Shopping Center on the way to Raritan, the Cafe is desiring artists Friday nights about 5-8:30 and Saturday afternoons about 2-6 Show sell (20% commission to charity) perhaps from a bin, or portfolio stand, or on a panel, plenty of room outside for 6 or 7 artists. If inclement room inside for 4 with portfolios, card table, or one rack. What I need, besides your name and phone number, is a postcard or note with afternoon and evening dates you'd like to come--any time now through September. My address is above. I'll verify dates with you but I don't have time to search for artists each week separately.

The New Jersey Society of En Plein Air Artists meets from the first Wednesday in May through the last Wednesday in October at a different predetermined location each week for the purpose of painting and/or drawing outdoors. Venues within a 50-60 mile radius of Morristown, no fees, no instruction--come to as many as you wish, any level of skill most welcome. The Facilitator is Don Nathan, PO Box 97, Florham Park, NJ, 07932; phone 973-966-5484, FAX is 973-966-5481. Some of the upcoming places--May 17 Stephens State Park; May 24th Buck Gardens (Far Hills);

May 31 and June 7 Oldwick Village, and there's lots more planned. You can call Don for more details or have a schedule faxed to you, or consult the Web Site

for the current destination and directions for travel at <http://www.community.nj.com/cc/njsepa>. A good way to paint with friends!

The Somerset County Library has a special historic exhibit of photos and paintings of what is now Bridgewater (also includes parts of Bound Brook and Raritan) through May 30. The Art Museum, Princeton University, has "American Folk Art Collection on View" through June 18. The museum is in the center of the University Campus; please contact Ruta Smithson at 609/258-3763 for details. And the New Jersey Water Color Society has its Full Members Show at the Papermill Playhouse to May 30th. Some RVAA members in it (can't find my program, so I'm trying to remember the opening day) are Elsa Herrmann, Fran Maurer, Joan McKinney, Diana Patton, Debbie Tintle, and Ruth Wilson.

The Print Gallery, 213 Rockingham Row, Forrestal Village, in Princeton, an Art Gallery and Framing Studio, is seeking a framer/designer for part-time (plus) position--willing to train. Please call 609-987-8781.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

LINDA ARNOLD is doing a Miniature Workshop on June 17th at the Jane Law-Long Beach Island Gallery; is doing a Watercolor Workshop May 24th for "Brushing Violets" in Whitehouse, and had prints of six paintings purchased by the Dead River Pub at the Somerset Inn in Warren.

ELLEN FABER has her work in La Dolce Vita Restaurant on Washington Valley Road in Martinsville (with some works also by GAY BILLICH and CAROL STAUB) and also exhibited at the Blackwells Mills Canal House with the Watercolorists Unlimited group at their annual show April 8th and 9th.

NANCY JORGENSEN will have a one-woman show at the "Coffee and More" Cafe in the Edwards Food Store Shopping Center, Rte. 206, Hillsborough, May 20-June 30th, entitled "Home and Away". You are all most welcome to come to her Opening Reception on Sunday, May 21st, 3-6, with art, light refreshments, and music.

LINDA TAFFE won the Award of Excellence-NJ AAPL Award at the Essex Watercolor Club and First Place Watercolor at the Roxbury Art Association's Spring Exhibition.

WORKSHOPS

All workshops at the Pluckemin Presbyterian Church. MAKE CHECKS OUT TO RVAA 12-15 students in each workshop only; we'll keep a waitlist, though. You may bring your lunch to the class if you wish.

Pastel Workshop with Christina DeBarry-Monday, June 19th 10-4 Please bring your easel--Members \$50. Non-Members \$55. Send name, address, phone number with check (RVAA) to Debbie Hughes, 255 Falmouth Place, Bridgewater 08807

Watercolor Workshop with Ludlow Thorston--Monday, June 26th 9:30-3 Members \$45. Non-members \$50. Send your name, address, phone number with check (to RVAA) to Linda Arnold, PO Box 281, Liberty Corner, NJ, 07938

Watercolor on Clayboard, Plus, with Diana Patton, Monday, June 12 9:15-12:30
Members \$30. Non-members \$35. Send name, address, phone number with check (to
RVAA) to Diana, 497 Stony Brook Dr, Bridgewater, NJ. Also Monday night 7:30-9:30
pm for follow-up critique and more painting (other members can come and watch as
this is our regular meeting night) \$10. for those who come the 12th; \$15. for
all others who will paint and take the mini-workshop.